

June 6, 2023

Council Chambers  
Vigo County Government Center  
Terre Haute, Indiana

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Mike Morris, Chris Switzer and Mark Clinkenbeard

**Others Present:** County Attorney Terry Modesitt, James W. Bramble, Cheryl Loudermilk, Tammy York-Allen, Diana Winsted-Smith, Chris Eldridge, Larry Robbins, Kara Wright, Jordynne Shelton, Josie Thompson, Bruce Allen, Adam Grossman, Sheila Priester, Bill Watson, Terry Bays, Norm Loudermilk, Vicki Weger, Joey Lehman, and several members of the public.

**Pledge of Allegiance.**

Mike Morris called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Review of Minutes/Claims.** Auditor James W. Bramble presented the Board with meeting minutes for May 30, 2023 for approval. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for May 30, 2023. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Bramble then presented the Board with expenditures for the period of May 27, 2023 through June 2, 2023 in the amount of \$251,751.06. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the May 26, 2023 through June 2, 2023 claims in the amount of \$251,751.06. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**HWC Contract Amendment #2 – Engineering.** Larry Robbins explained that Amendment #3 to the HWC contract had been approved a couple of weeks ago. He thought Amendment #2 had already been approved but it had not so it is being brought for approval today. This concerns some additional environmental services for some bat studies around the bridge at the Clinton Road Project. The total amended price is \$8,460 for this environmental review. There is some additional right-of-way being acquired around the bridge structure for rehab work and it has triggered some additional bat review around the structure itself and the surrounding area. County Attorney Terry Modesitt said he had reviewed the document and approved it. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve HWC Contract Amendment #2. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Custody Account – Auditor.** Auditor James Bramble explained that this document needed to be signed to transfer back into the County account the remaining balance in the trust fund that was set up at First Financial Bank for construction of the jail. The last time he checked, there was about \$1.6 million left in the account. He noted that the current and prior Commissioners should be proud of the fact that the project was completed under budget. This money will go back to the fund from which it came. He believed it was from Public Safety but would check to be sure. There was a brief discussion about where some of the monies came from. Chris Switzer made a motion to close the account. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Secretary of Education Annual Report - Auditor.** Auditor James Bramble explained that this is an annual report that has to be sent to the Department of Education and the State Auditor showing the interest earned on the Congressional school funds for the year ending April 30. Mr. Bramble gave a brief history of how these funds came into being. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve this report. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Covered Bridge Certification – Auditor.** Auditor James Bramble explained that this was the annual covered bridge certification that is sent to the State Auditor. It certifies that Vigo County has one covered bridge and the State pays the County \$1,800 to maintain it. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the certification. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Public Comments.** Chris Switzer addressed the complaint made by Jim Kmetz in a prior meeting regarding operation of a home day care center in his neighborhood. Mr. Switzer read an email he had received from Jared Bayler, Director of the Area Planning Department, who indicated that the Area Plan Commission had determined that there was not sufficient evidence to take action against the homeowner. However, he also indicated that it had been a year since the property was last visited and it is possible that the business has expanded or grown beyond that which is permitted as an in-home business. Mr. Bayler said he could revisit the property as time permits next month if so desired. He also said alternatively, Code Inspection could be sent out for an inspection and observation in the coming days if desired. Mr. Switzer said he had asked Mr. Bayler to have that done. Mr. Switzer will advise once he hears back from Mr. Bayler. There were no additional public comments.

**Comments or other business from Commissioners or other Elected Officials.** Commissioner Mark Clinkenbeard commented on the ongoing NCAA baseball tournament in which the ISU baseball team is involved and is generating much excitement as they continue to move forward. He also talked about the increased tourism Terre Haute had been experiencing the last few weeks and all the positive impacts being made, including the Special Olympics coming up this weekend. Chris Switzer also wanted to recognize the efforts of Garmong Construction in completing several constructions projects and bringing them in on or under budget in many cases.

The next meeting will be June 13, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting recessed at 9:16 a.m.

  
Mike Morris

Attest:

  
James Bramble, Auditor

Chris Switzer  
  
Mark Clinkenbeard